REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 9-24 are allowed. Claims 1-8 are rejected. Claims 1-8 have been canceled herein.

101 Rejections

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 USC 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-8 have been canceled herein thereby rending the 35 USC 101 rejection moot at this time.

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Conclusion

In light of the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully point out that no contested claims remain in the present application. That is, only allowed Claims 9-24 remain in the present application.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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